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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FATHER ROCHA ASSIGNMENT

REF: (A) STATE AIRGRAM 2936, 4/4/73

(B) LISBON 1436

(C) STATE 76370

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY HEW THAT DR. EHRLICH, HEAD OF USDEL TO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO WHA (ARNALDO SAMPIASO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH, AND HEAD OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS) REGARDING ROCHA ASSIGNMENT. BOTH ARE REPORTED TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROPOSAL, BUT SAY FINAL APPROVAL MUST COME THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY.
2. FATHER ROCHA CURRENTLY PLANNING DEPART FOR LISBON ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 30. HE HAS APPOINTMENT IN DEPARTMENT (EUR/ IB) FRIDAY, MAY 25.
3. EMBASSY REQUESTED FOLLOW UP WITH GOP ON STATUS OF PROPOSAL AND REPORT SAME SOONEST. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR ADVICE FROM EMBASSY WHICH CAN BE CONVEYED TO FATHER ROCHA IN MAY 25 MEETING. DEPARTMENT IS FOLLOWING UP ON DR. EGEBERG'S APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR THEMIDO. RUSH

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